and processes contained in Parts A & B of the Schedule to the Act. It also regulates working conditions of children in non-prohibited employments. It provides for penalties for violation of the law.

In addition to this law, there are protective and prohibitory provisions in various Labour Laws as well, such as the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, the Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961, the Bidi and Cigar workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966.

(b) The Government of India monitors the enforcement of the Child Labour (Regulation & Prohibition) Act, 1986 both in the Central and States spheres.

(c) and (d) A proposal to amend the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 is under consideration of the Government to make it more effective.

Pension for journalists

956. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide pension to the journalists in near future;

(b) if so, the details of such scheme with effective date of payment of pension;

(c) whether such moves of Government have some background;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether such facility to journalists also ensure other benefits; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) The Central Board of Trustees, EPF, had recommended introduction of pension scheme for all the EPF subscribers including the journalists. The Central Government considered the recommendations of the Board and have since decided to introduce a suitable pension scheme for all the EPF subscribers. A Bill to amend the EPF & MP Act, 1952 for empowering the Central Government to frame the scheme has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha. The proposed scheme provides for payment of monthly pension in the contingencies of retirement, superannuation, permanent total disablement, death etc. The facilities like family pension, EDLI and other benefits will continue to be admissble to the subscribers even after the introduction of the pension scheme. As introduction of the pension scheme involves amendment of the Act, it is difficult to indicate the effective date of payment of pension at this stage.

Apprehensions expressed by journalists about the functioning of wage Boards

957. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to apprehensions expressed by journalists for delay in the functioning of the Wage Board for Journalists and non-journalists;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action in the matter; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) A combined meeting of the Wage Board for Working Journalists and the Wage Board for Non-Journalist Newspaper and News-agency employees has been convened on 3.4.1995.